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Almighty and eternal God, we bow before thy presence, humble before thy greatness and power, guilty in the face of thy perfection, small before thine omnipotence. Thy majesty overwhelms us O God, our finite minds can never quite comprehend thy mysteries. We worship thee in reverence and in awe, in the best way we know how pouring out our hearts in praise of thee. As we sing our hymns + offer our prayers O Lord, be present among us, accept our deepest and unspoken words of thanksgiving. - For thy presence prompts in each our of us feelings that we cannot describe.

O thou who art the giver of every good and perfect gift we humbly thank thee for all that thou hast given us.

For the world we live in, its beauty and power, for the air we breathe and for a nature that supports us.

We thank thee O God for the good gift of life, for the miraculous renewal of plant life in the spring time, for the new greeness and beauty of flowers that we soon will enjoy. For all the amazing aspects of nature. - For rain + sunshine, wind + darkness.

We thank thee O Lord for all instances of human good, for thou alone art the author of all things good. - For our community, its leaders, for its teachers and doctors, for all whose lives are dedicated to the welfare of others. For our church and the part it plays in thy holy universal church.

We are most grateful O God for thy tender love - which has given us our Lord Jesus Christ. In him we see just we are the objects of an endless concern, an affection that was willing to suffer + die that we might live. And our Father we give thanks for thine own victory over evil and for the knowledge that we may share in that victory.

As our nation struggles for peace in the world give guidance to its leaders. Give them both sensitivity + humility, wisdom + responsibility that their efforts may bring about peace among man. Be with national leaders the world over, may their decisions be motivated only by the desire for peace + the good will among brothers. Be with those in our own land who are struggling for their right for equality. May their efforts succeed for their sakes - and may their struggle impress on us our common bound + heritage with all of mankind as children of one loving creator.

O Lord of mercy, be with all those who are patients in hospitals + clinics; and with any who are suffering through physical or emotional illness. Be present with them, give them thy peace + healing comfort.

O Almighty God, who art everywhere all about us - be present in our lives, in all our doings. Give us the knowledge of right + wrong, guide + direct us in all that we do that we may better serve thee.

All this we pray in the name of him who died that we might live, our Lord + Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Invocation: Almighty God, our creator + sustainer, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, humbly we gather to worship thee. Be near to us as we sing thy praises; give ear to our petitions + prayers, quiet our minds + quicken our spirits that we may be aware of thee.

We thank thee o God for the beauty of this season and this day. We thank thee for our church + the privilege of worshipping here.

And now to thee who art our God - in the name of Lord Jesus Christ we pray, Amen